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Our Case No. 659/1765

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Friedbauer et al.

Serial No.: 10/648,637

Filing Date: August 25, 2003

For: PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK AND  
VISUAL AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT  
OF A TISSUE BASESHEET

Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel

Group Art Unit No.: 1764

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before examining this application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/1765
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Inventor(s) FRIEDBAUER ET AL.			
Title of Invention PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK AND VISUAL AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT OF A TISSUE BASESHEET			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

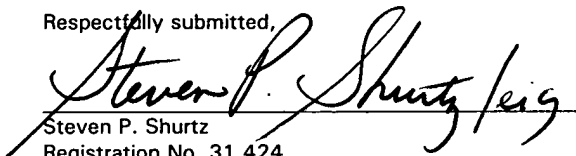
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x 43=			x \$86=	
+ \$145=			+ \$290=	
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